

Supplementary Information

Superbunching and Nonclassicality as new Hallmarks of Superradiance

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Photon-photon correlations for atoms in arbitrary generalized W -states

In this Supplementary Information section we calculate the second order correlation function for N atoms in a generalized W -state $|W_{n_e,N}\rangle$, i.e., with an arbitrary number of excitations n_e . For this purpose the correlation function of second order can be written as

$$G_{n_e,N}^{(2)}(\delta_1, \delta_2) = \binom{N}{n_e}^{-1} \sum_{|\Psi_f\rangle} \left| \sum_{l_1, l_2 \in \{\Psi_f\}} e^{i(l_1 \delta_1 + l_2 \delta_2)} \right|^2, \quad (\text{S1})$$

with $|\Psi_f\rangle$ denoting all possible final states. Each final state is characterized by a particular set of $N - n_e + 2$ integers $\{\Psi_f\} \subseteq \{1, \dots, N\}$ representing all sources, that could have emitted the detected two photons. Since each source can emit only one photon, we have $l_1 \neq l_2$. Note that for $n_e = 2$ there is only one final state and the sum over $|\Psi_f\rangle$ vanishes. From Eq. (S1) one can find a combinatorial solution to the problem

$$G_{n_e,N}^{(2)}(\delta_1, \delta_2) = \binom{N}{n_e}^{-1} \sum_{\substack{l'_1, l'_2, l_1, l_2=1 \\ l'_1 \neq l'_2, l_1 \neq l_2}}^{N-1} A_{l'_1, l'_2, l_1, l_2} e^{-i(l'_1 \delta_1 + l'_2 \delta_2)} e^{i(l_1 \delta_1 + l_2 \delta_2)}, \quad (\text{S2})$$

where each term requires a statistical loading $A_{l'_1, l'_2, l_1, l_2}$ depending on the phase factors $l'_1 \neq l'_2$ and $l_1 \neq l_2$. With $m = (0 \times 2), (1 \times 2), (2 \times 2)$ of these factors being equal the statistical loading corresponds to

$$A_{l'_1, l'_2, l_1, l_2} = \binom{N-4+\frac{m}{2}}{n_e-2}, \quad (\text{S3})$$

since there are $n_e - 2$ excitations that can be distributed over $N - 4 + m/2$ atoms. This leads to (cf. Eq. (S2))

$$G_{n_e,N}^{(2)}(\delta_1, \delta_2) = \binom{N}{n_e}^{-1} \left[\binom{N-4}{n_e-2} B_{m=0} + \binom{N-3}{n_e-2} B_{m=2} + \binom{N-2}{n_e-2} B_{m=4} \right]. \quad (\text{S4})$$

We now calculate the different terms B_m of $G_{n_e,N}^{(2)}(\delta_1, \delta_2)$ separately, starting with the case $m = 4$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{m=4} &= \sum_{L \neq K} e^{-i(L\delta_1 + K\delta_2)} e^{i(L\delta_1 + K\delta_2)} + \sum_{L \neq K} e^{-i(L\delta_1 + K\delta_2)} e^{i(K\delta_1 + L\delta_2)} \\ &= \sum_{L, K=1}^N e^{-i(L\delta_1 + K\delta_2)} e^{i(L\delta_1 + K\delta_2)} - \sum_{L=1}^N e^{-iL(\delta_1 + \delta_2)} e^{iL(\delta_1 + \delta_2)} \\ &\quad + \sum_{L, K=1}^N e^{-i(L\delta_1 + K\delta_2)} e^{i(K\delta_1 + L\delta_2)} - \sum_{L=1}^N e^{-iL(\delta_1 + \delta_2)} e^{iL(\delta_1 + \delta_2)} \\ &= N^2 - 2N + N^2 \chi^2(\delta_1 - \delta_2), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S5})$$

where in the last step the following identity has been used

$$\sum_{K,L=1}^N e^{iK\delta} e^{-iL\delta} = \frac{\sin^2(\frac{N\delta}{2})}{\sin^2(\frac{\delta}{2})} = N^2 \chi^2(\delta). \quad (\text{S6})$$

$B_{m=4}$ (cf. Eq. (S5)) can now be used to calculate $B_{m=2}$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{m=2} &= \sum_{L \neq l'_2 \neq l_2 \neq L} e^{-i(L\delta_1 + l'_2\delta_2)} e^{i(L\delta_1 + l_2\delta_2)} + \sum_{L \neq l'_1 \neq l_1 \neq L} e^{-i(l'_1\delta_1 + L\delta_2)} e^{i(l_1\delta_1 + L\delta_2)} \\ &+ \sum_{L \neq l'_2 \neq l_1 \neq L} e^{-i(L\delta_1 + l'_2\delta_2)} e^{i(l_1\delta_1 + L\delta_2)} + \sum_{L \neq l'_1 \neq l_2 \neq L} e^{-i(l'_1\delta_1 + L\delta_2)} e^{i(L\delta_1 + l_2\delta_2)} \\ &= \sum_{L \neq l'_2, l_2} e^{-i(L\delta_1 + l'_2\delta_2)} e^{i(L\delta_1 + l_2\delta_2)} + \sum_{L \neq l'_1, l_1} e^{-i(l'_1\delta_1 + L\delta_2)} e^{i(l_1\delta_1 + L\delta_2)} \\ &+ \sum_{L \neq l'_2, l_1} e^{-i(L\delta_1 + l'_2\delta_2)} e^{i(l_1\delta_1 + L\delta_2)} + \sum_{L \neq l'_1, l_2} e^{-i(l'_1\delta_1 + L\delta_2)} e^{i(L\delta_1 + l_2\delta_2)} - 2B_{m=4}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S7})$$

The two terms

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{L \neq l'_2, l_2} e^{-i(L\delta_1 + l'_2\delta_2)} e^{i(L\delta_1 + l_2\delta_2)} &= \sum_{L, l'_2, l_2=1}^N e^{-i(L\delta_1 + l'_2\delta_2)} e^{i(L\delta_1 + l_2\delta_2)} - \sum_{L, l'_2=1}^N e^{-i(L\delta_1 + l'_2\delta_2)} e^{iL(\delta_1 + \delta_2)} \\ &- \sum_{L, l_2=1}^N e^{-iL(\delta_1 + \delta_2)} e^{i(L\delta_1 + l_2\delta_2)} + \sum_{L=1}^N e^{-iL(\delta_1 + \delta_2)} e^{iL(\delta_1 + \delta_2)} \\ &= N + N^2(N-2)\chi^2(\delta_2), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S8})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{L \neq l'_2, l_2} e^{-i(L\delta_1 + l'_2\delta_2)} e^{i(l_1\delta_1 + L\delta_2)} &= \sum_{L, l'_2, l_2=1}^N e^{-i(L\delta_1 + l'_2\delta_2)} e^{i(l_1\delta_1 + L\delta_2)} - \sum_{L, l_1=1}^N e^{-iL(\delta_1 + \delta_2)} e^{i(l_1\delta_1 + L\delta_2)} \\ &- \sum_{L, l'_2=1}^N e^{-i(L\delta_1 + l'_2\delta_2)} e^{iL(\delta_1 + \delta_2)} + \sum_{L=1}^N e^{-iL(\delta_1 + \delta_2)} e^{iL(\delta_1 + \delta_2)} \\ &= N - N^2\chi^2(\delta_2) - N^2\chi^2(\delta_1) + \sum_{L, l_1, l_2=1}^N e^{iL(\delta_2 - \delta_1)} e^{il_1\delta_1} e^{-il_2\delta_2}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S9})$$

lead to the solution of Eq. (S7), which reads

$$B_{m=2} = -2N^2 + 8N + N^2(N-4)\chi^2(\delta_1) + N^2(N-4)\chi^2(\delta_2) - 2N^2\chi^2(\delta_1 - \delta_2) + 2N^3\chi(\delta_1)\chi(\delta_2)\chi(\delta_1 - \delta_2), \quad (\text{S10})$$

where the identity

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{L, l_1, l_2=1}^N e^{iL(\delta_2 - \delta_1)} e^{il_1\delta_1} e^{-il_2\delta_2} + \sum_{L, l_1, l_2=1}^N e^{iL(\delta_1 - \delta_2)} e^{il_1\delta_2} e^{-il_2\delta_1} &= 2 \sum_{L, l_1, l_2=1}^N \cos(L(\delta_1 - \delta_2) + l_1\delta_1 - l_2\delta_2) \\ &= 2N^3\chi(\delta_1)\chi(\delta_2)\chi(\delta_1 - \delta_2), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S11})$$

has been used.

The last term $B_{m=0}$ of Eq. (S4) can now be calculated

$$\begin{aligned} B_{m=0} &= \sum_{l'_1 \neq l'_2; l_1 \neq l_2} e^{-i(l'_1\delta_1 + l'_2\delta_2)} e^{i(l_1\delta_1 + l_2\delta_2)} - B_{m=2} - B_{m=4} \\ &= \sum_{l'_1, l'_2, l_1, l_2=1}^N e^{-i(l'_1\delta_1 + l'_2\delta_2)} e^{i(l_1\delta_1 + l_2\delta_2)} - \sum_{l'_1, l'_2, L=1}^N e^{-i(l'_1\delta_1 + l'_2\delta_2)} e^{iL(\delta_1 + \delta_2)} \\ &- \sum_{L, l_1, l_2=1}^N e^{-iL(\delta_1 + \delta_2)} e^{i(l_1\delta_1 + l_2\delta_2)} + \sum_{L, K=1}^N e^{-iL(\delta_1 + \delta_2)} e^{iK(\delta_1 + \delta_2)} - B_{m=2} - B_{m=4} \\ &= N^2 - 6N - N^2(N-4)\chi^2(\delta_1) - N^2(N-4)\chi^2(\delta_2) + N^4\chi^2(\delta_1)\chi^2(\delta_2) + N^2\chi^2(\delta_1 + \delta_2) + N^2\chi^2(\delta_1 - \delta_2) \\ &- 2N^3\chi(\delta_1)\chi(\delta_2)\chi(\delta_1 + \delta_2) - 2N^3\chi(\delta_1)\chi(\delta_2)\chi(\delta_1 - \delta_2), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S12})$$

where identities (S6) and (S11) have been used and $B_{m=2}$ (cf. Eq. (S10)) and $B_{m=4}$ (cf. Eq. (S5)) have been inserted. Summing over all different terms the correlation function finally takes the form (cf. Eq. (S4))

$$\begin{aligned}
G_{n_e, N}^{(2)}(\delta_1, \delta_2) = & \binom{N}{n_e}^{-1} \left[\binom{N-4}{n_e-2} \left[N^2 - 6N - N^2(N-4) \chi^2(\delta_1) - N^2(N-4) \chi^2(\delta_2) \right. \right. \\
& + N^4 \chi^2(\delta_1) \chi^2(\delta_2) + N^2 \chi^2(\delta_1 + \delta_2) + N^2 \chi^2(\delta_1 - \delta_2) \\
& \left. \left. - 2N^3 \chi(\delta_1) \chi(\delta_2) \chi(\delta_1 + \delta_2) - 2N^3 \chi(\delta_1) \chi(\delta_2) \chi(\delta_1 - \delta_2) \right] \right. \\
& + \binom{N-3}{n_e-2} \left[-2N^2 + 8N + N^2(N-4) \chi^2(\delta_1) + N^2(N-4) \chi^2(\delta_2) \right. \\
& \left. - 2N^2 \chi^2(\delta_1 - \delta_2) + 2N^3 \chi(\delta_1) \chi(\delta_2) \chi(\delta_1 - \delta_2) \right] \\
& \left. + \binom{N-2}{n_e-2} \left[N^2 - 2N + N^2 \chi^2(\delta_1 - \delta_2) \right] \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{S13}$$

In the following two sections we investigate the second order correlation functions obtained in case of using generalized W -states $|W_{n_e, N}\rangle$ with higher numbers of excitations $n_e > 2$.

Superbunching in the radiation of N atoms in arbitrary generalized W -states

Similar to the case of $n_e = 2$ we want to investigate whether bunching and superbunching can be observed in two-photon superradiance from generalized W -states of higher excitations $|W_{n_e > 2, N}\rangle$. We start to explore the photon-photon correlations with the two detectors placed at equal positions. In this case the normalized correlation function reads (cf. Eq. (S13))

$$\begin{aligned}
g_{n_e, N}^{(2)}(\delta_1, \delta_1) = & \mathcal{N} \binom{N}{n_e}^{-1} \left[\binom{N-2}{n_e-2} 2N [N-1] - \binom{N-3}{n_e-2} 4N(N-2) [1 - N \chi^2(\delta_1)] \right. \\
& \left. + \binom{N-4}{n_e-2} [2N(N-3) - 4N^2(N-2) \chi^2(\delta_1) + (N \chi(2\delta_1) - N^2 \chi^2(\delta_1))^2] \right],
\end{aligned} \tag{S14}$$

with the normalization $\mathcal{N} = (G_{n_e, N}^{(1)}(\delta_1))^{-2}$ (cf. Eq. (1)).

To access whether the correlation function displays bunching we investigate the conditions for $g_{n_e, N}^{(2)} > 1$. As in the case $n_e = 2$, we choose the position $\delta_1 = \pi$ where $g_{n_e, N}^{(2)}$ attains its maximal value and the normalizing intensity is small (see Fig. S1). Since $\chi(\pi)$ and $\chi(2\pi)$ yield different results for even N and odd N these two cases have to be investigated separately.

In case of an even N the second-order correlation function reads (cf. Eq. (S14))

$$g_{n_e, N_{\text{even}}}^{(2)}(\pi, \pi) = \frac{(N-1)(6+N^2+N-9n_e-2Nn_e+3n_e^2)}{(N-3)n_e(n_e-1)}. \tag{S15}$$

For large $N \gg n_e$ we can, as in case of $n_e = 2$, produce principally unlimited values of superbunching since there is no upper limit to $g_{n_e, N_{\text{even}}}^{(2)}(\pi, \pi)$ when adding more and more atoms in the ground state.¹ In this limit the correlation function simplifies to

$$g_{n_e, N_{\text{even}}}^{(2)}(\pi, \pi) \sim \frac{N^2}{n_e(n_e-1)}, \tag{S16}$$

clearly exceeding both the threshold for bunching ($g_{n_e, N}^{(2)} = 1$) as well as the threshold for superbunching ($g_{n_e, N}^{(2)} = 2$), whereby the fastest growth is obtained for $n_e = 2$. For example, for $n_e = 3$, Eq. (S15) is given by

$$g_{3, N_{\text{even}}}^{(2)}(\pi, \pi) = \frac{(N-1)(N-2)}{6}, \tag{S17}$$

leading to bunched and superbunched light for $N_{\text{even}} \geq 6$.

In case of odd N , the following maximal value of the second order correlation function can be calculated (cf. Eq. (S14))

$$g_{n_e, N_{\text{odd}}}^{(2)}(\pi, \pi) = \frac{N(n_e-1)(N^2+N-2Nn_e-5n_e+3n_e^2)}{n_e^3(N-2)}. \tag{S18}$$

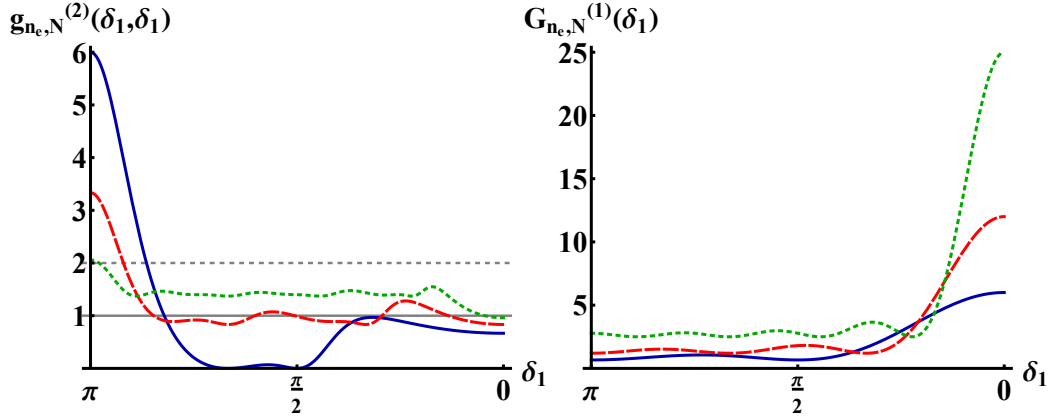


Figure S1. Second order correlation function $g_{n_e, N}^{(2)}(\delta_1, \delta_1)$ (left) and first order correlation function $G_{n_e, N}^{(1)}(\delta_1)$ (right) for $(n_e, N) = (2, 4)$ (solid), $(3, 6)$ (dashed), $(5, 9)$ (dotted). For $\delta_1 = \pi$ superbunching is observed for all displayed cases, whereas antibunching is obtained only for $n_e = 2$, independently of N (see Eq. (S14)). For $\delta_1 = 0$ the second order correlation function displays nonclassicality in case that $2(n_e - 1) < N$ (see Eq. (S21)). Comparing the two plots one can see that for high values of $G_{n_e, N}^{(1)}(\delta_1)$ small values of $g_{n_e, N}^{(2)}(\delta_1, \delta_1)$ are obtained and vice versa.

From Eq. (S18) the behavior of the second order correlation function for $N \gg n_e$ can be derived

$$g_{n_e, N_{\text{odd}}}^{(2)}(\pi, \pi) \sim \frac{N^2(n_e - 1)}{n_e^3}, \quad (\text{S19})$$

which again may display bunching as well as superbunching, as there is no upper limit to Eq. (S19) when increasing N . For example, for $n_e = 3$ and odd N the second order correlation function reads

$$g_{3, N_{\text{odd}}}^{(2)}(\pi, \pi) = \frac{2N(N^2 - 5N + 12)}{27(N - 2)}, \quad (\text{S20})$$

which shows bunching for $N_{\text{odd}} \geq 3$ and superbunching for $N_{\text{odd}} \geq 7$.

Nonclassicality and antibunching in the radiation of N atoms in arbitrary generalized W -states

We next investigate whether for initial arbitrary generalized W -states we can observe also nonclassical light and antibunching in two-photon superradiance. Again, we start to explore the photon-photon correlations with the two detectors placed at equal positions.

Note that a visibility of $\mathcal{V} = 1$ of the second order correlation function is obtained only for initially doubly excited states, what rules out true antibunching for $n_e \geq 3$ (see Eq. (S14)). However, for increasing n_e , we can always find $g_{n_e, N}^{(2)}(\delta_1, \delta_1) < 1$ at $\delta_1 = 0$, what can be explained physically since here the intensity attains its maximum $G_{n_e, N}^{(1)}(0) = n_e(N - n_e + 1)$.² To prove this we calculate from Eq. (S14)

$$g_{n_e, N}^{(2)}(0, 0) = \frac{(n_e - 1)(N - n_e + 2)}{n_e(N - n_e + 1)}, \quad (\text{S21})$$

what shows that the atomic system emits nonclassical light with photon number fluctuations smaller than those for coherent light under the condition that $2(n_e - 1) < N$.

Cross correlations in the radiation of N atoms in arbitrary generalized W -states

Finally, we study the spatial cross correlations in two-photon superradiance for atoms in the generalized state $|W_{n_e, N}\rangle$, i.e., the behavior of the second order correlation function $g_{n_e, N}^{(2)}(\delta_1, \delta_2)$ in case that the scattered photons are recorded at different

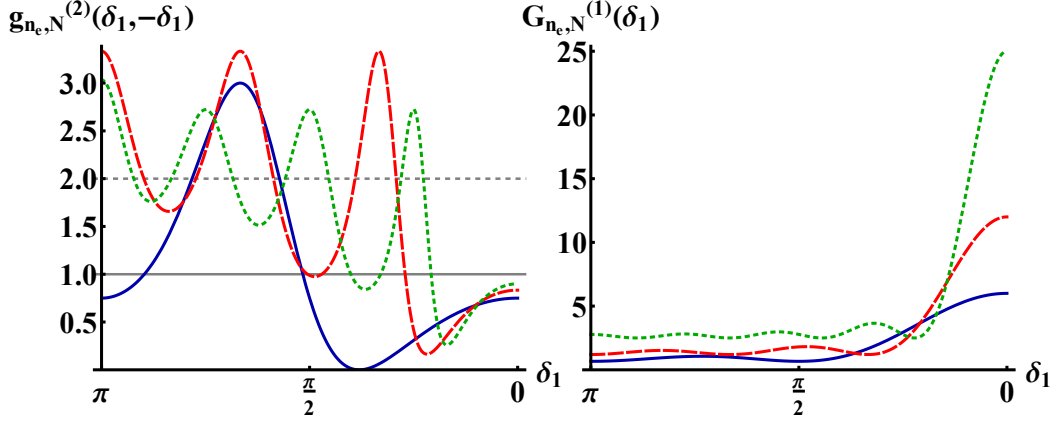


Figure S2. Second order correlation function $g_{n_e, N}^{(2)}(\delta_1, -\delta_1)$ (left) and first order correlation function $G_{n_e, N}^{(1)}(\delta_1)$ (right) for $(n_e, N) = (2, 3)$ (solid), $(3, 6)$ (dashed), $(4, 8)$ (dotted). For a given n_e , the number of atoms N has been chosen in such a way that superbunching is fulfilled for all positions $\tilde{\delta}_1 = a \frac{2\pi}{N}$, with $a = 1, 2, \dots < N/2$ (see Eq. (S24)). Again, antibunching is obtained only for $n_e = 2$, independently of N (see Eq. (S22)). For $\delta_1 = 0$ the second order correlation function displays nonclassicality in case that $2(n_e - 1) < N$ (see Eq. (S21)).

positions $\delta_1 \neq \delta_2$. We start to explore the particular configuration of counter-propagating detectors, i.e., detectors at positions $\delta_1 = -\delta_2$, followed by the case where δ_2 is fixed and only δ_1 is varied.

For the case $\delta_1 = -\delta_2$, the second order correlation function simplifies to (cf. Eq. (S13))

$$g_{n_e, N}^{(2)}(\delta_1, -\delta_1) = \mathcal{N} \binom{N}{n_e}^{-1} \left[\binom{N-2}{n_e-2} N \left[N - 2 + N \chi^2(2\delta_1) \right] - \binom{N-3}{n_e-2} 2N \left[(N-4) (1 - N \chi^2(\delta_1)) + N \chi^2(2\delta_1) - N^2 \chi^2(\delta_1) \chi(2\delta_1) \right] + \binom{N-4}{n_e-2} \left[2N(N-3) - 4N^2(N-2) \chi^2(\delta_1) + (N \chi(2\delta_1) - N^2 \chi^2(\delta_1))^2 \right] \right]. \quad (\text{S22})$$

In analogy to the discussion of bunching and superbunching for $\delta_1 = \delta_2$ above, we investigate the position $\delta_1 = \pi$ (see Fig. S2). Considering again even and odd N separately, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} g_{n_e, N_{\text{even}}}^{(2)}(\pi, -\pi) &= g_{n_e, N_{\text{even}}}^{(2)}(\pi, \pi) \\ g_{n_e, N_{\text{odd}}}^{(2)}(\pi, -\pi) &= g_{n_e, N_{\text{odd}}}^{(2)}(\pi, \pi). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S23})$$

From these expressions it follows that superbunching occurs equivalently for $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = \pi$ and $\delta_1 = -\delta_2 = \pi$.

In case of minimal intensity $\chi(\delta_1) = \chi(2\delta_1) = 0$, i.e., at positions $\tilde{\delta}_1 = a \frac{2\pi}{N}$, where $a = 1, 2, \dots < N/2$, the following form of the correlation function is obtained

$$g_{n_e, N}^{(2)}(\tilde{\delta}_1, -\tilde{\delta}_1) = \frac{(N-1)(4 + N^2 + 2N - 6n_e - 2Nn_e + 2n_e^2)}{(N-2)(n_e-1)n_e}. \quad (\text{S24})$$

In principal, for $N \gg n_e$, there is again no upper limit to the correlation function, since $g_{n_e, N}^{(2)}(\tilde{\delta}_1, -\tilde{\delta}_1) \sim N^2/(n_e(n_e-1))$. This behavior is equivalent to $g_{n_e, N_{\text{even}}}^{(2)}(\pi, \pi)$ (cf. Eq. (S16)), but valid also for odd N . When setting $n_e = 3$, bunching occurs for $N \geq 5$ while superbunching occurs for $N \geq 6$ (cf. Eq. (S17)).

Fig. S2 shows the plotted correlation function $g_{n_e, N}^{(2)}(\delta_1, -\delta_1)$ for three different combinations $(n_e, N) = (2, 3), (3, 6), (4, 8)$. These combinations have been chosen to fulfill the condition for superbunching for minimal number of atoms N at the positions $\tilde{\delta}_1$. Again, it can be observed that the two-photon superradiance decreases with increasing n_e , so that higher numbers of N are required to produce correlations comparable to the case $n_e = 2$.

Since for more than two excitations $n_e > 2$ the visibility of $g_{n_e, N}^{(2)}(\delta_1, \delta_2)$ is smaller than one, true antibunching cannot be fulfilled. However, cross correlations smaller than one and therefore nonclassical light can be found for $\delta_1 = -\delta_2 = 0$ in case that $2(n_e - 1) < N$, as has been discussed for $\delta_1 = \delta_2$ (see Eq. (S21)).

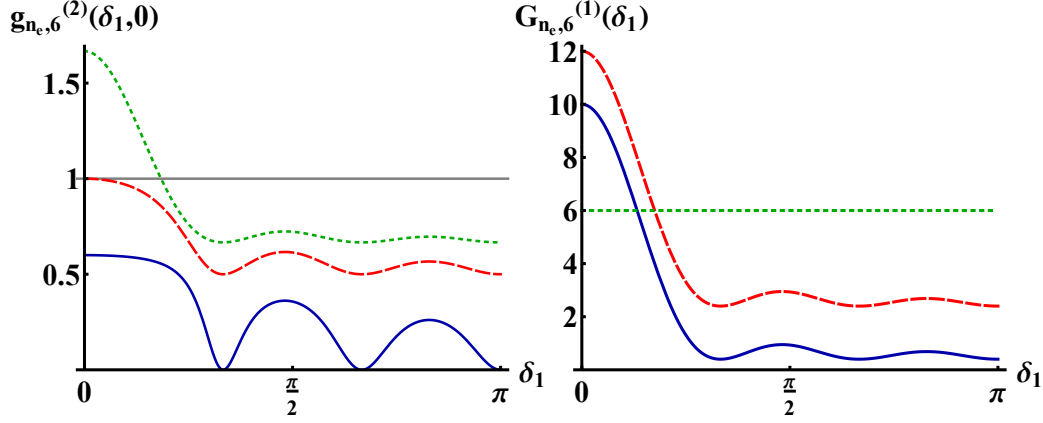


Figure S3. Second order correlation function $g_{n_e,N}^{(2)}(\delta_1, 0)$ (left) and first order correlation function $G_{n_e,N}^{(1)}(\delta_1)$ (right) for $N = 6$ and $n_e = 2$ (solid), $n_e = 4$ (dashed), $n_e = 6$ (dotted). Again, antibunching is observed only for $n_e = 2$, independently of N , whereas superbunching can never be obtained (see Eq. (S25)).

Another interesting case is the combination of one detector fixed at position $\delta_2 = 0$ and the second detector moving. Here, the photon cross correlation takes the form (cf. Eq. (S4))

$$g_{n_e,N}^{(2)}(\delta_1, 0) = \frac{(n_e - 1)(n_e - 2) + (n_e - 1)(N - n_e + 1)N\chi^2(\delta_1)}{n_e(n_e - 1) + n_e(N - n_e)N\chi^2(\delta_1)}, \quad (\text{S25})$$

which does not acquire values higher than two so that superbunching can never be obtained (see Fig. S3 for $N = 6$). The reason is the following: If $g_{n_e,N}^{(2)}(\delta_1, 0) < 1$ the following condition must be fulfilled

$$(2n_e - N - 1)N\chi^2(\delta_1) < 2(n_e - 1). \quad (\text{S26})$$

In case of $\chi(\delta_1) = 0$ the relation Eq. (S26) simplifies to

$$0 < 2(n_e - 1), \quad (\text{S27})$$

which is fulfilled for all $n_e \geq 2$. The case $\chi(\delta_1) = 1$ (for $\delta_1 = 0$) already has been investigated in connection with $g_{n_e,N}^{(2)}(0, 0)$ and fulfills $g_{n_e,N}^{(2)}(0, 0) < 1$ for $2(n_e - 1) < N$; for $n_e = N$, $g_{n_e,N}^{(2)}(0, 0)$ becomes maximal and reads

$$g_{N,N}^{(2)}(0, 0) = 2 - \frac{2}{N} < 2, \quad (\text{S28})$$

what proves the above statement.

As concerns antibunching, according to Eq. (S27), nonclassicality occurs for all $n_e \geq 2$ whereas true antibunching does only occur for $n_e = 2$, as in all other cases the visibility of $g_{n_e,N}^{(2)}(\delta_1, \delta_2)$ remains smaller than one (cf. Eq. (S25)).

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